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As Haig mediates

U.S. merchant ships told to shun Falklands

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Agencies) — The United States Friday sent out special warning to U.S. merchant ships to avoid an area within 200 nautical miles of the Falkland Islands, which Britain has declared a war zone in its dispute with Argentina.

The Pentagon announced that a "notice to mariners" had been issued saying that U.S. merchant ships "are advised not to sail within 200 nautical miles of the Falkland Islands until further notice."

Britain has said it will "shoot first" and sink any Argentine ship, whether military or commercial, found in the war zone starting Monday.

The U.S. message said, "This notice is solely for the purpose of advising U.S. mariners of information relevant to navigational safety and in no way constitutes a U.S. government position regarding foreign claims or proclamations."

All U.S. merchant ships that may now be within the danger zone were asked to acknowledge receipt of the message.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig flew to Buenos Aires from London Friday seeking the Argentine response to Britain's insistence that it must evacuate the Falklands or risk a battle for the islands.

As he embarked on the second stage of his mission to find a peaceful solution to the crisis over Argentina's seizure of the islands, Britain continued preparations to match its words with deeds. Haig had six hours of talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym Thursday night and said later he was impressed by their determination.

British sources said they had insisted to the secretary of state that the Argentine forces which landed on the British colony a week ago must withdraw as a preliminary to any negotiations. As the late-night talks ended, a cargo ship loaded with tanks and military equipment left a British port to follow the fleet of 27 warships already heading for the South Atlantic.

In the south coast port of Southampton, work continued on preparing the cruise liner *Canberra*, requisitioned for use as a troop carrier and hospital ship, for sailing Friday night. The *Canberra*, fitted with helicopter pads and stripped of many of its luxury trimmings, was expected to carry up to 2,000 troops for transfer to navy ships in mid-Atlantic.

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ing the Falklands a war zone and Defense Secretary John Nott warned that Britain would shoot first to sink Argentine warships in the zone from 0400 GMT Monday. The government has also published a list of ships in the task force heading for the area — two aircraft carriers, an assault ship, two light cruisers, five destroyers and five frigates as well as landing ships and support vessels.

The list did not include submarines, but British newspaper reports, which the defense ministry has not denied, said at least two were already in the South Atlantic, in position to enforce Nott's deadline.

It was against this background of British toughness that Haig was seeking room for a negotiated settlement of the dispute. Argentina has hinted at the possibility of a political compromise if its 150-year-old claim to sovereignty over the desolate Falkland archipelago is recognized.

Haig, who left London on a presidential Boeing 707, said after meeting Mrs. Thatcher Thursday night: "We have been exploring issues associated with this problem ... We have looked at it from every point of view."

But he told reporters it was too early to say if war could be averted, adding: "I leave here impressed by the firm determination of the British government with regard to this issue."

The government decreed Friday that Argentine citizens who want to enter the country would need visas. It said the step was retaliation to a similar move by Argentina, suspending a 15-year-old agreement.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina said it would not accept a Hong Kong or Andorra style of administration for the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands. These constitutional models have been proposed by the United States. The proposals are that Britain leases the Falklands for a fixed number of years from Argentina following its Hong Kong precedent with China, or shares sovereignty with Argentina as do France and Spain with the Pyrenees principality of Andorra.

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ARGENTINIAN TROOPS: A group picture of an Argentinean squad on patrol in the Falkland Islands. Patrols have been relatively quiet, while the islanders await the arrival of British troops.

Analysts say

Syria move favors Iran

BAGHDAD, April 9 (AFP) — Syria's closure of its border with Iraq Thursday could be linked to Damascus' desire to lend concrete support to Iran in its war with Iraq, analysts said Friday.

The official reason Syria gave for the border closure was that Iraq was sending weapons and other supplies to the Muslim Brotherhood, an outlawed group that has been held responsible for the February uprising in Hama, northern Syria.

But that reason appeared weak to the analysts here, since Syria has long accused Iraq — which is ruled by a rival faction of the same

Baath Party that is in power in Syria — of supporting internal dissent. Also, the analysts noted, the measure seemed to come at a critical time in the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran. Only a week after Iranian forces pushed to within striking distance of Iraq's eastern border, the closure of much of its western frontier eliminated one of Baghdad's last remaining routes to the outside.

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wrecked ships and 20 months of underfed

tributaries from the Tigris, Euphrates and Karun Rivers, Iraq has been dependent on the west for its transport and communications.

Khamenei rules out peace

BEIRUT, April 9 (AP) — Three weeks after a successful offensive against Iraqi forces on the battlefield, Iran's president again reiterated there would be no peace with Iraq, state-run Tehran radio reported.

"We do not wish to fight, and right now we would prefer peace to war, but as an Islamic nation there is no way we can accept aggression," President Ali Khamenei was quoted by the radio as saying. The broadcast, monitored here, said the president addressed Thursday night a four-man delegation from the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) which is in Tehran for talks with Iranian officials in a fresh effort to bring the 18-month-old war with Iraq to a negotiated end.

"Even if we are attacked from all sides, we will not bend our heads in the face of the aggressor," the president was quoted as saying. "We want to be like a firm rock, caught and squashed in the pincers of the world powers. We will withstand until we bend the edges of the aggressor," the radio quoted Khamenei as saying.

Baghdad seeks arms from Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt, April 9 (AP) — An Iraqi delegation led by a senior official visited Cairo last month seeking increased military aid to offset recent Iranian gains in the Gulf war, well-informed Egyptian and Western diplomatic sources said Thursday. It was the first reported visit of a top level Iraqi delegation to Egypt since Iran mounted a successful counteroffensive against Iraq March 21. It also was yet another sign that Egypt's isolation in the Arab world is fading. Three years ago, Iraq led 17 Arab nations in vowing to

boycott Cairo because of the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The sources, who requested anonymity, said Iraq sought a number of items of military equipment from Egypt, including planes, when the delegation arrives here about March 25. The armies of both nations are equipped with Soviet-made weaponry and planes.

Citing the overthrow of Grenada's pro-

U.S. urged to review stand

Nonaligned group condemns Israel

KUWAIT, April 9 (Agencies) — The nonaligned foreign ministers' conference on Palestine ended Thursday night with a strong condemnation of Israel and a call to the United States to review its Middle East policies.

Ministers or representatives from about 70 countries expressed the hope that the U.S. government would "review its policy and attitude in a positive and constructive way." The conference deplored what it called the hostile attitude of the U.S. government toward the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a full member of the nonaligned movement and condemned the United States for "misuse" of its veto right at the United Nations Security Council.

The United States vetoed two recent resolutions calling on Israel to rescind its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and its dismissal of Palestinian mayors in three towns of the occupied West Bank. The three-day conference of the Nonaligned Coordination Bureau called on all states and organizations to isolate Israel completely and to help end its occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories.

But in a concession to Egypt, the conference refrained from condemning the Egypt-Israel peace treaty, which earlier nonaligned resolutions had denounced as a violation of the rights of the Palestinian people. Because of the 1979 treaty, under which Egypt will be handed back by April 26 the last part of Sinai occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, Egypt was suspended from the Arab League but not from the nonaligned movement.

The Kuwait conference was the first major conference in an Arab country to be attended by Egypt since it made peace with Israel. Egypt, however, expressed reservations on parts of the final communiqué, including a reference to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel. Egyptian delegates said. The conference expressed grave concern over the persistent efforts, actions, measures, and on-going parleys to

U.S. warns against Grenada

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 9 (R)

— President Reagan has told east Caribbean leaders that the island state of Grenada now bears a Soviet and Cuban trademark, which means that it will attempt to spread the virus among its neighbors." A senior U.S. official said Reagan also told them Grenada was not automatically excluded from his development program but would have to demonstrate changes in behavior and policy in order to receive its benefits.

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The conference called on the president of the U.N. General Assembly, Ismat Kerani of Iraq, who attended the Kuwait meeting in that capacity, to reconvene not later than April 20 a special session on Palestine which the assembly held in 1980. It called on the U.N. Security Council to apply mandatory sanctions against Israel.

Khaled gets S.Yemen's message

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 9 — A message for King Khaled from South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad was delivered here Thursday. It was carried by Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammed Ghaleb Ahmad and delivered to Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Thunayan at the Foreign Office.

At the same time the South Yemen Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad announced that Interior Minister Prince Naif will be visiting South Yemen for talks. He told *Al Madinah* newspaper Friday that Prince Naif's visit will improve bilateral relations and help solve problems.

Muhammad denied that there was any tension between North and South Yemen and revealed that the leaders of the two countries will meet in a few days to implement the agreements that they had signed during earlier meetings.

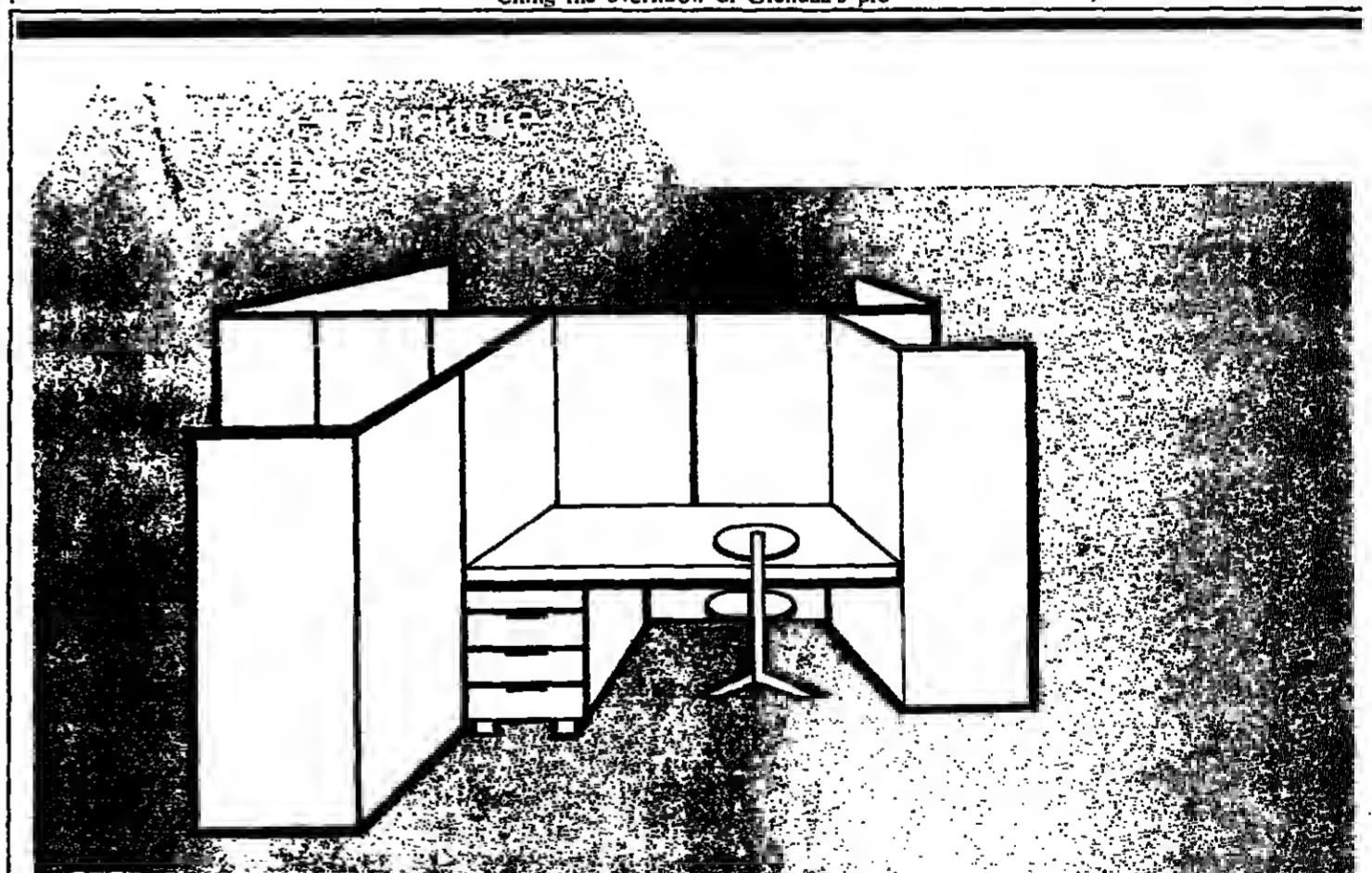
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ISF permanent council to convene on April 18

JEDDAH, April 9 (SPA) — The Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund will hold its 20th session on April 18, under Dr. Izzuddin Ibrahim, council's chairman.

It will be attended by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, head of the Islamic desk at the Foreign Office and deputy chairman of the fund's council.

During the four-day session, the council will discuss ISF's budget for 1982-83; the Islamic Call (Dawah) project; study circles; and the welfare of Muslim youth. It will also study reports and recommendations of the sub-committees which were entrusted with the task of examining the requests for aids

from some Islamic states, universities and higher institutes.

Other subjects slated for discussion include floods in South Yemen, refugees in Sudan, Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Chad refugees in Cameroon. It will further study reports on the Islamic youth camps in Canada and Australia and the subject of a study circle on childhood in Islam being held in Abu Dhabi.

The deliberations will be attended by delegates from the member states in the permanent council, which are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iraq, Sudan, Mauritania, Tunisia, the Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Turkey, Malaysia and Pakistan.

Postal graduates to obtain diploma

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — A group of 29 out of 70 students of the Secondary Postal Institute of the Eastern Province will receive their graduation certificate at the end of the current academic year.

Ali Abdullah Al-Fayez, director of the institute, stated Thursday that the institute's graduate obtains a certificate that is equivalent of the secondary school certificate, and is appointed in the fifth grade in the country's postal service.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:22	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:05	12:35
Asr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:52	3:23	3:12	3:36	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:39	6:42	6:14	6:02	6:26	6:57
Isha (Night)	8:09	8:12	7:44	7:32	7:56	8:27

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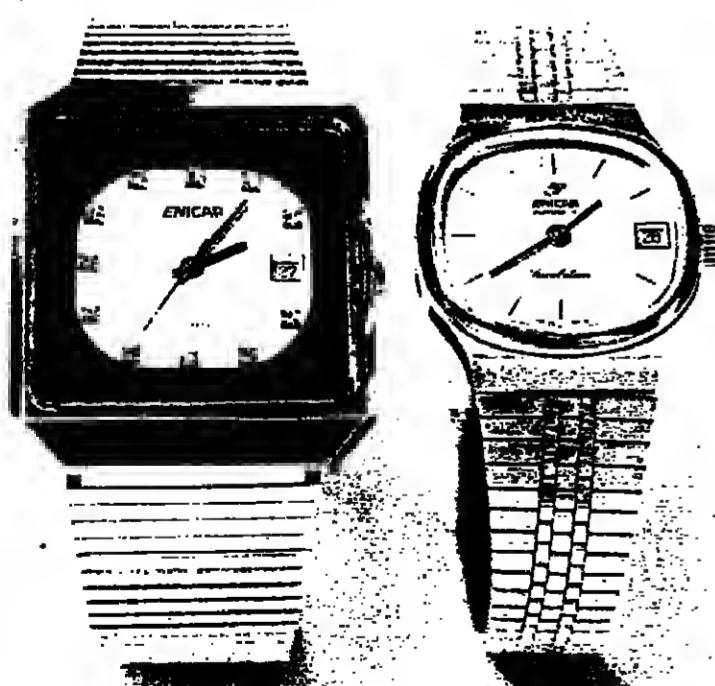
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Ahmad to meet varsity students

JEDDAH, April 9 — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad will meet with the students of Ummul Qura University in Makkah in an open dialogue in which he will answer all the questions that they might wish to ask.

According to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Friday, Prince Ahmad had accepted an invitation by the university to engage in the dialogue with the students about matters of national interest and not just those confined to the university and education in the country.

University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh said that the dialogue is within the context of a series of such meetings between officials and the university body which aim at fostering strong relations between those in authority and the people.

Book show nets SR10m

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — The 10-day Islamic book exhibition netted a sale of SR10 million worth of books bought by visitors numbering 200,000 men and nearly 1,000 women, it was announced here Friday.

The exhibition, organized by the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, ended last Wednesday.

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Petromin helps in industrialization process

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — The General Petroleum and Mineral Organization (Petromin) has contributed significantly to the industrialization of Saudi Arabia by setting up 24 large petrochemical and mineral projects and organizing modern lines refining, marketing and distribution of the Kingdom's oil products.

Petromin's two decades of service to the national economy, since its foundation on April 25, 1962 shows a remarkable progress of the organization to diversify economy which mainly depends on oil.

It has also established a large number of energy-related businesses including drilling and shipping companies. Besides the oil sector, Petromin activities also cover natural gas and mining industries and prospecting for gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, tin, iron ore, uranium, tungsten, molybdenum, gypsum, phosphates, bauxite, tantalum, niobium, zircon and other rare earth elements.

Petromin, which started its operation with a staff of only 27 persons including some university graduates has shown a steady progress surpassing every obstacle in the path and playing a leading role in the country's development. Petromin's 74 percent of the working force today comprises Saudi nationals.

It plays a major role in pinpointing and

determining the nature of oil industries in the country and is responsible for marketing the Kingdom's oil and oil by-products. Till last June, Petromin concluded 12 contracts with West European states, two with Latin American states, nine with Asian countries in addition to a number of African states. Petromin took over the responsibility of conducting detailed geological investigations in 1964 and contracted a number of foreign mining experts and technicians to prepare geological maps and locate prospective areas rich in minerals. The preparations of maps and special studies have helped a great deal in locating the mineral resources of the country.

Exploration for the Mahd Al-Dhabab gold deposits, popularly known as "Cradle of Gold", and the initial drilling program have been completed. Metallurgical testing has shown that 95 percent of gold and 93 percent of silver can be recovered by a process of roth floatation, followed by cyanidation. A feasibility study has been completed which suggests that a mine should be developed, producing 3.5 tons of bullion per year.

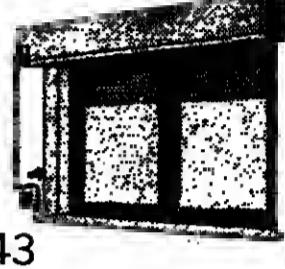
Petromin signed a contract with a Swedish firm in 1978 for conducting feasibility studies for silver deposits at Nokrasufra area, 250 km northeast of Madinah. It has also signed an agreement with two American and French companies for the exploitation of copper ore.

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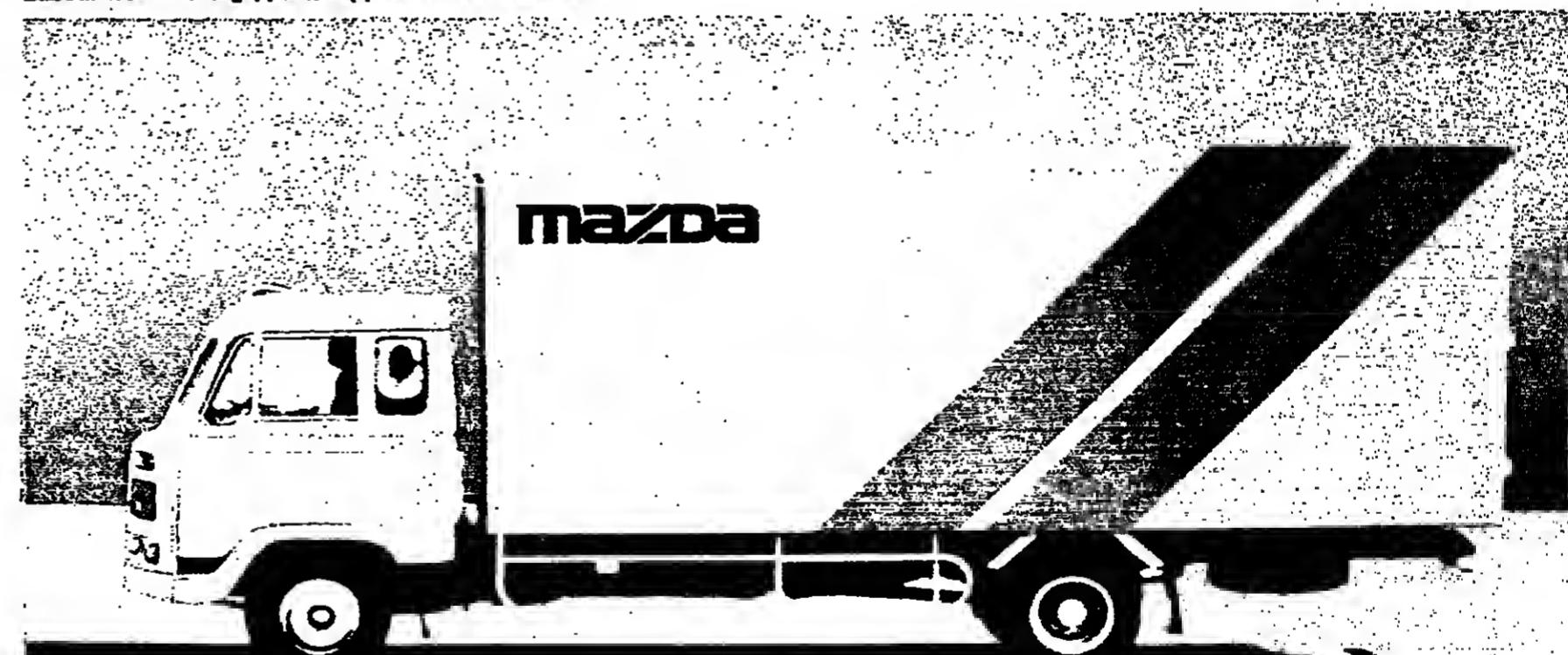
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After Sinai withdrawal

U.S. plans new effort for autonomy agreement

CAIRO, April 9 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted Thursday as saying America plans a major effort to conclude an agreement on self-rule for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands after Israel withdraws from Egypt's Sinai peninsula April 25.

In an interview in Washington with Ibrahim Nafie, editor-in-chief of the authoritative daily *Al-Ahram*, Haig also was quoted as saying it was in the best interest of all states in the Middle East to quickly end the Iran-Iraq war.

The Associated Press obtained from *Al-Ahram* the State Department's English-language text of the lengthy interview, in which Nafie pressed Haig on the extent of the administration's commitment to continuing the Camp David peace process.

Haig stressed that Washington is a full partner in the Camp David plan between Egypt and Israel and added: "I think we have to make a major effort after the Sinai is returned, and we have continued in our efforts, and will continue to see whether or not there is ground for bringing them to a successful conclusion."

He also was quoted as saying the differences between Egypt and Israel on the self-rule concept were "very great," but that Pres-

ident Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin were committed to resuming the talks.

Haig appeared to tacitly criticize the Egyptian view that the principles of self-rule that Egypt and Israel agree upon should be acceptable to the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

Egypt believes the self-rule plan should leave open the Palestinians' option to create a state in the West Bank and Gaza, but Israel adamantly rejects this idea. Haig appeared to say that Camp David was not concerned with this issue. "I have made the point that Camp David itself involved a postponement of certain questions of principle on which the parties to Camp David had a differing view," he was quoted as saying.

"If we now attempt to insist on the resolution of these differences in principle in the autonomy arrangements — which are interim and which visualize a transition period — then, I think the task will be very, very difficult. After all, Camp David itself intentionally avoided some of those obstacles."

Under Camp David, the final status of the occupied lands would be decided after self-rule was agreed upon and with the participation of the Palestinians and other states in the area.

U.N. special envoy to visit Kabul

GENEVA, April 9 (R) — A United Nations special envoy leaves here for Afghanistan Saturday hoping to improve chances of negotiating a settlement of the two-year-old armed conflict there and the enormous refugee problem it has caused.

Diego Cordoves, an under-secretary-general for special political affairs, will also visit neighboring Pakistan and Iran during his 12-day mission. Before his departure, Cordoves will be briefed by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who is visiting the U.N.'s European headquarters, U.N. officials say.

The U.N. chief himself made two similar trips to the area in the past year and also had talks in Moscow before taking up his present post. Cordoves will follow up these contacts.

He will first spend two or three days in Pakistan — where an estimated 2.5 million refugees have fled from the fighting between Soviet-backed Afghan forces and Afghan freedom fighters since the Soviet intervention of December 1979.

After talks in Kabul, Cordoves will go on to Iran, where a further million refugees are said to be living.

Greece denies harassing Turks

ATHENS, April 9 (AP) — The government Thursday denied Turkish accusations that ethnic Turks in northern Greece were being harassed by Greek authorities.

"The Muslim minority in the region is protected both by international treaties and Greek law," a government spokesman said. The spokesman said: "The property issue in question is still pending before Greek justice."

The Turkish Foreign Ministry Wednesday delivered a request to Greek ambassador in Ankara, George Papoulias, that property rights of ethnic Turks should be respected.

Turkish diplomat in Ottawa shot by Armenians

BEIRUT, April 9 (AP) — An underground Armenian guerrilla group Friday claimed responsibility for an assassination attempt on a Turkish diplomat in Ottawa.

In a telephone call to the Associated Press in Beirut, the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility for the shooting of Kani Guogor, a commercial officer at the Turkish Embassy in the Canadian capital. The terse communiqué gave no details and did not elaborate on why Guogor was a target.

The Turkish diplomat was shot and critically wounded by gunmen who attacked him in the garage of his apartment house. He was apparently going to work. Guogor was reported to be in a critical condition.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR, (R) — Iran has appointed its first ambassador to Malaysia and will open an embassy here soon, Malaysia's Foreign Ministry said Friday. It named the envoy as Muhammad Sadegh Ayatollah. Malaysia already has a resident envoy in Tehran and Iran said it wanted to set up an embassy here.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — Ethiopian authorities Thursday night announced the names of 11 men elected to a national workers control committee that is to act as the highest organ in the government's fight to contain corruption. The elections were a culmination of several weeks of work by a national selection committee involving the screening of hundreds of potential nominees.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — A Chinese parliamentary delegation led by Communist Party Politburo member and assistant speaker Peng Chong arrived here Friday on a five-day official visit. Peng's visit comes prior to a trip to Peking by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid scheduled for the end of this month.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Syria will expand its agricultural production with a \$22 million World Bank loan, the World Bank announced Thursday. The World Bank said the loan will be used for the development of about 30,000 hectares of cultivable land in the southern provinces of Deraa and Sweida.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has appointed M.P. Bhandara as advisor on minorities affairs, it was announced here Friday. Bhandara will hold the rank of minister of state in President Zia's cabinet. As presidential advisor, he replaces Raja Trivedi Roy who has been appointed Pakistan's ambassador to Brazil.

DACCA, (AFP) — Bangladesh's new military ruler, Lt. Gen. Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has said that his government is seeking to give the country a democratic system that would put power back into the hands of the people within two years.

S.Yemen seeks flood relief

DAMASCUS, April 9 (AFP) — South Yemeni Deputy Premier Ali Antar has made a worldwide appeal here for aid following the March floods estimated to have caused nearly \$1 billion in damage in South Yemen, killing some 500 persons and leaving 10,000 homeless.

The disaster was made public last Sunday when Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent a message of sympathy to his South Yemeni counterpart.

Arafat to visit India

NEW DELHI, April 9 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat is to visit India in the first week of next month, UNI news agency reported Friday quoting a senior Indian official.

The agency said Arafat had accepted an invitation from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to visit India in May, but the exact date was yet to be fixed.

Curfew imposed near Bethlehem

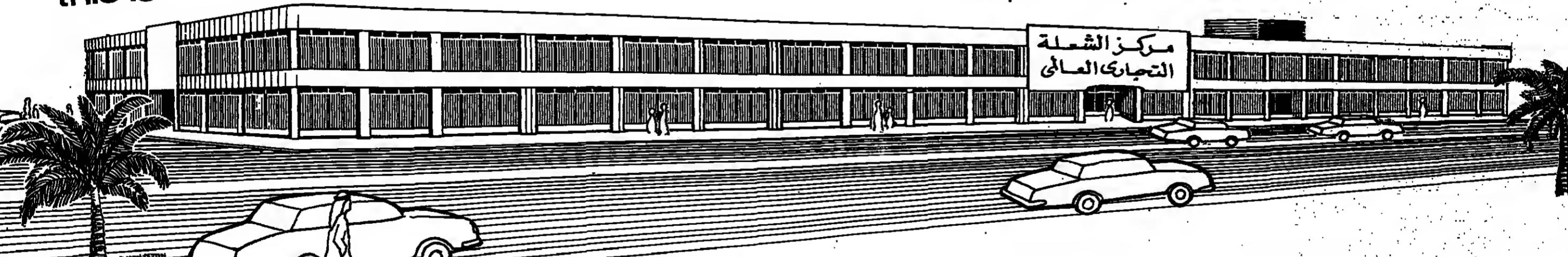
TEL AVIV, April 9 (R) — A gasoline bomb was thrown at an Israeli army patrol in the center of Bethlehem in the occupied Arab West Bank Friday but there were no casualties, Israeli military sources said.

The immediate neighborhood was placed under curfew and a search of the area was made but there were no arrests. Bethlehem was the scene of a clash Thursday between unidentified armed men and a student leader and a guard at the local university. A few hundred students staged a protest sit-in strike but dispersed quietly in the evening.

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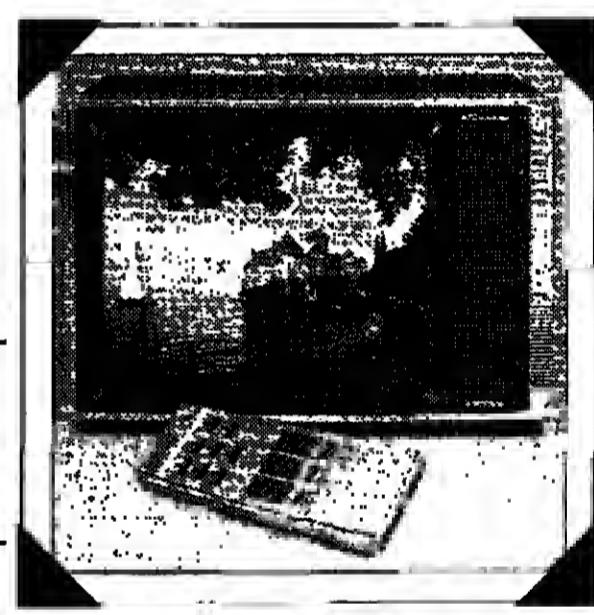
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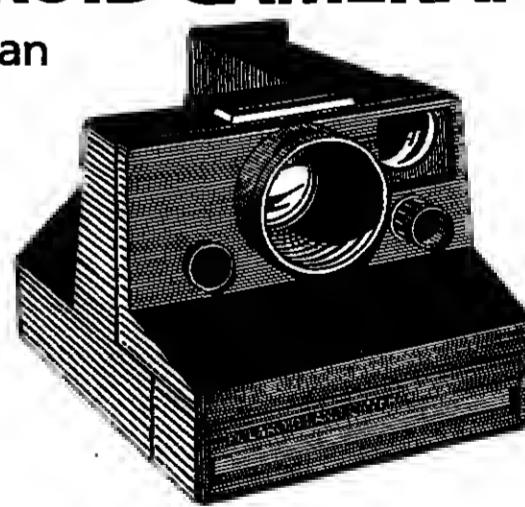
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Falklands crisis: Time running out for peaceful solution

By Sidnes Weiland

LONDON — Provided U.S. mediation can work quickly, Britain and Argentina still have a range of political options that could avert war over the Falkland Islands. But with a British sea blockade due to be enforced next Monday and a naval task force heading toward the South Atlantic, the chances of a peaceful solution lessen each day.

Although both countries say they are ready to fight, they have also given unmistakable signals that negotiations are still possible on a face-saving formula to avoid conflict. British officials say "all options" remain open on the future of the Falklands, seized by Argentina last week, provided Argentine forces withdraw from the islands.

Argentina has hinted at the possibility of a political compromise if its 150-year claim to sovereignty is recognized.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, on a "good offices" mission that will also take him to Buenos Aires, arrived in London Thursday to see if contacts can be opened up in time to halt threatened hostilities.

The search for a peaceful settlement moved into high gear as Britain imposed a blockade around the Falklands and warned that Argentine ships in a 200-mile war zone risked being sunk from Monday

onward by the British Navy.

Argentina has created its own 200-mile operations area, heightening the danger of a clash as early as next week if Buenos Aires tries to run the British cordon. British submarines are believed to be already in the South Atlantic, and will be joined in about two weeks by 15 major warships and 12 supply vessels in the biggest show of naval force mounted by Britain since World War II.

Military experts said prospects for a political solution would be seriously jeopardized or wrecked if shooting started.

The Reagan administration is regarded as the only possible honest broker capable of promoting a naval freeze and getting Britain and Argentina back to the negotiating table. London diplomats said Haig's chances, originally rated poor, appeared to have improved after a parliamentary debate Wednesday when the British government voiced continued interest in a peaceful outcome, and similar hints from Argentina.

"We would much prefer a peaceful settlement," British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym told the House of Commons.

In what was seen in London as a kite-flying exercise, Argentine press reports suggested the country's military junta might be willing to barter a military withdrawal for Britain's nominal acceptance of Argentine sovereignty. In the last two days,

Argentine officials have also hinted at a possible negotiated way out.

British officials while insisting Argentina must first leave the islands, said they were ruling nothing out. They said a deal over sovereignty or other variants involving future administration could be considered but only after Argentine troops returned to the mainland.

Increasingly, British ministers have talked of a "return to British administration" for the 1,800 Falkland Islanders rather than a restoration of British sovereignty. Government spokesmen sought to minimize the significance of the stress on British administration, saying Britain's legal sovereignty was still intact despite the Argentine takeover.

Committed to a policy of decolonization, Britain has long weighed a transfer of sovereignty to Argentina, but has held back because of opposition from the Falkland Islanders. The British governor of the sprawling, 200-island chain and his handful of colonial administrators were summarily ejected when Argentine troops stormed ashore in a dawn raid last week.

Despite vocal demands for return to British control, many British officials concede it would be impossible to restore British ownership of the Falklands as it existed before last week without heavy loss of life. Instead, Britons are focusing on a

variety of permutations, all aired previously but rejected by the Falklanders in 15 years of Anglo-Argentine negotiations. They include:

(1) A simple acceptance of Argentine sovereignty that would leave British administrators in day-to-day charge.

(2) A lease-back arrangement under which Britain would cede sovereignty to Argentina and then rent the islands back for 25 years, known as the "Hong Kong solution" because Britain has a similar arrangement with China in its Asian colony.

(3) An autonomy arrangement underwritten by the United Nations.

(4) A condominium in which Britain and Argentina would share control.

(5) Argentine control with dual nationality and other privileges for the islanders.

(6) Neutral arbitration.

No commitments have been made, but British sources say all the options or combinations could be negotiable.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has insisted that the wishes of the Falklanders "must be paramount." Many British observers argue that with Argentine troops in the islands and the future highly uncertain, the islanders may now be willing to consider a compromise that would retain at least some semblance of British authority.

Observers also believe the Argentine junta, faced with the risk of prolonged conflict and economic sanctions, may prefer to strike a deal if they can gain nominal sovereignty.

Britain's key allies in Western Europe have banned arms sales to Argentina and are considering a broader trade boycott. Britain has also asked other countries to discourage loans to Argentina in an effort to tighten pressure on the junta. Argentina already owes \$34 billion in foreign debts. (R)

America walking on a tightrope

By R. Gregory Nokes

WASHINGTON —

As the crisis over the Falkland Islands deepens, the United States is encountering growing difficulty, and embarrassment, in its attempt not to take sides between Britain and Argentina. The difficulty lends an acute sense of urgency to Secretary of State Alexander Haig's peace-seeking mission to Buenos Aires and London, as the administration considers good relations with both countries vital to its foreign policy.

The British government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been the administration's most vocal supporter among the U.S. allies for its economic and defense policies. But the Argentine government of President Leopoldo Galtieri is a key player in the administration's attempt to counter leftist insurgencies in Central America. When questioned, U.S. officials have not denied reports that Argentina is providing troops for a 500-member paramilitary force financed by the United States.

The fall of either government would be a setback to U.S. foreign policy, which is the chief reason the administration has not wanted to take sides, even

though the United States condemned Argentina's use of force and voted in the United Nations for it to withdraw.

"Argentina is helping to resolve Central American problems," said a Defense Department official. "The Argentines are playing a very major role in the hemisphere. For that reason we want to offer our assistance to all sides. We don't want to appear in this hemisphere to be siding against a major hemisphere power." The official requested anonymity.

But British officials clearly feel they have a claim on U.S. support, are contributing to the administration's embarrassment through their public denunciations of the Argentine government as an irrational regime that has killed thousands of its own people.

The attempt to walk a fine line in the dispute is already breaking down, as reflected in a call made by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to Britain's U.S. ambassador, Sir Nicholas Henderson, on Tuesday. Depending on whose version of the call is believed, Weinberger either clarified, or denied, a Pentagon statement that the United States was "walking right down the middle" in the dispute. "We're not going to give anybody any help either

way," said the Pentagon's chief spokesman, Henry Catto.

Weinberger told the Associated Press that Weinberger "told me that he had issued a denial of what had allegedly been said. I'm in no doubt about it that the Americans are not neutral on these two questions, namely the use of force and the disregard of self-determination" by the Argentines.

But the Pentagon official said: "The word denial is a little strong. The word clarification is a better word than denial."

Weinberger also told the AP that Britain doesn't wish to complicate U.S. relations with Argentina. But, he added, "The important thing is for America to demonstrate to Argentina that it cannot accept a form of aggressive behavior in international affairs, and that while they may like more normal relations with the Argentines, it cannot compromise on that particular subject."

Reflecting the administration's desire for improved relations with Argentina was the presence of high U.S. officials at a dinner given at the Argentine Embassy on Friday, even after the State Department had deplored Argentina's invasion of the Falklands. (AP)

France plans sober reforms after poll setback

By Robin Smyth

PARIS —

A more sober, more persuasive, less impetuous French socialism is being planned by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and his government as they study the lessons of their defeat in the local elections. "We shall explain, apply and put into force our reforms," Mauroy said recently. "Now change will be able to take on its true force and fullness. We have assembled our tools."

Asked whether this was not in fact the "pause" in the forward surge of reform which has been urged on him by Jacques Delors, his finance minister, the prime minister replied: "Interpret it how you like." Mauroy was speaking after one of the most crowded weeks of reform since President Mitterrand came to power last summer.

Last month almost two centuries of administrative practice were overturned when 95 newly elected assemblies scattered across the country found themselves endowed with the powers of regional parliaments. The prefects who have taken their orders from Paris since 1800, fell back into an advisory role, each handing over the bulk of their

executive powers to a president de conseil general, a locally elected politician.

The rightward swing in the two-round cantonal elections has given Gaullists and Girardiards control of 59 of these regional assemblies to 36 for the Left. Now the Socialist *Le Matin* is warning that the government's decentralization project could lead to grave conflict in the provinces. The country's administrative system might seize up if the assemblies in the 95 departments refuse to conform to guidelines for the provinces laid down in Paris. It

said. Jean Lecanuet, one of the conservative opposition leaders, made it immediately plain that the Gaullists and Girardiards intend to follow up their election victory. "It is through local government that the reconquest of power will begin," Lecanuet said.

Last week the cabinet adopted a package of decrees — including the voluntary reduction of the retirement age to 60 and the extension of workers' rights in industry — which was a final "collection of tools" in the government's social reform program. The changes met with a hostile reception from

employers, who considered them costly, and union leaders, who judged them to be inadequate. *Le Matin* found the plans for retirement at 60 so imprecise about who would be affected and how the money would be raised that they should never have been put forward. "Simple good sense leads one to the conclusion that it will be very expensive," declared a *Le Matin* editorial.

The Socialist Party's "social democrat," Michel Rocard, the minister of economic planning, who according to the opinion polls remains the most popular Socialist in the country, made a careful post-election statement indicating that a change of style is needed. The other prominent "realist" in the cabinet, Jacques Delors, who has succeeded in staying off the onslaught in the frame, is close behind Rocard in the latest opinion polls.

Even the Communist Party, the chief loser in the local elections, was feeling the moderate wind. Georges Marchais, the secretary general, admitted that the "distortion" by television and the press of the party's anti-Solidarity line on Poland had frightened off voters. This seemed to herald a new era of stability for the party in mid-May to Moscow. (ONS)

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1832 — Turkey declares war on Muhammad Ali, khedive of Egypt.

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1980 — European allies of the United States demand that Iran release U.S. hostages, but they stop short of joining new round of U.S. economic sanctions against Tehran.

1981 — First test flight of U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* fails to take off on schedule because of computer malfunction. Blastoff occurs two days later.

Thought for today:

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe. — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946).

Jojoba plant is useful, survives in arid areas

By Manuel Cordovez

HONG KONG (Deutsche Presse) — The wild plant has been known for centuries to the Indians in the Sonora Desert of Northwestern Mexico and Southwestern United States. The San Carlos Apache particularly have long used its seeds — made up of about 50 percent oil — for cosmetics, to soften leather and to make candles.

Recently, it has caught the interest of Arab countries, and has even caused land prices in California and Australia to skyrocket for a while. The oil in its seeds may yet help save the endangered sperm whale, while its roots could stop creeping deserts.

Much about the jojoba (pronounced ho-ho-ha) plant is not known yet, but its potential uses have certainly fired interests, from the cosmetic research assistant in New York to Arab countries starved of arable land and water.

For instance, the kind of seed and oil yields from cultivated jojoba is mostly based on approximations. Seed yields from wild jojoba range from a few to more than 30 pounds (14 kilos) of clean dry seed per plant. High yields were observed on a few plants and in certain years only.

Researchers also point out that much still remains to be learned about the plant's agronomy. Temperature appears to be a crucial factor in its growth. Jojoba plants require some watering for the first two years, a watering length not required by other drought-resistant trees.

The Tropical Products Institute in London calculates that jojoba is unlikely to provide more than a minor new source of income for a few developing countries. Assuming a wax market of 5,000 tons and an oil market of 20,000 tons a year, only 10,000 hectares of jojoba would be needed to meet market demand — "a very small area in global terms."

Still, jojoba's continuing popularity is not

hard to understand. Explains Dr. Demetrios Yeranos, agroecology professor at the University of California, Riverside: "Jojoba grows in soil of marginal fertility, needs little water, withstands salinity, and does not seem to need fertilizers or other chemical treatments. It is not afflicted yet by major diseases or insect pests, and can withstand many chemical sprays if needed. Its oil can be extracted like other oilseeds. It is a labor-intensive crop that is easy to grow."

It can also be planted along highways and around desert cities, at the same time cultivated as a commercial crop grown in areas where no other crops now grow. Which is why most Arab countries are interested.

Dr. Yeranos is behind a successful jojoba project in Sudan started in 1979 and is to run until this year. He is investigating its prospects as a cash crop and the chances of it providing employment and additional income for rural villagers. Supported by the United Nations Development Program, Sudan provided 200-acre sites in the Red Sea Hills and in the province of North Darfur.

Sudan is interested, partly because of continuing desertification. Studies have shown that the desert, over a 17-year period, claimed 100 kilometers of prime agricultural land. Sudan also has large tracts of land where little else can grow. And it needs to increase the income of its 18 million people, 80 percent of which are rural.

Less than a year after the first seeds were planted, jojoba in all regions of the Sudan, appeared to be growing faster and, in some instances, flowering earlier than in California and Mexico, its native habitat.

Increasing Arab and African interest in the jojoba plant was seen last February when current knowledge about the plant was discussed in a Khartoum seminar called by UNDP. The seminar was seen as a launching pad for regional development of the plant.

Halt in internal telegram service upsets Britons

By Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON (LOS) — The British are to stop their internal telegram service shortly, and a wail of misery has gone up all over the land. Started 112 years ago, the telegram was one of the joys of British life: the world of Evelyn Waugh and P.G. Wodehouse showed their heroes sending telegrams and waiting but an hour or two for the answer. Now all that is to be allowed is a 60-word "Telemessage," and it won't be the same thing at all.

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responding to its most subtle and perceptive overseas correspondents with a crude WHO GOOD GUY WHO BAD GUY?

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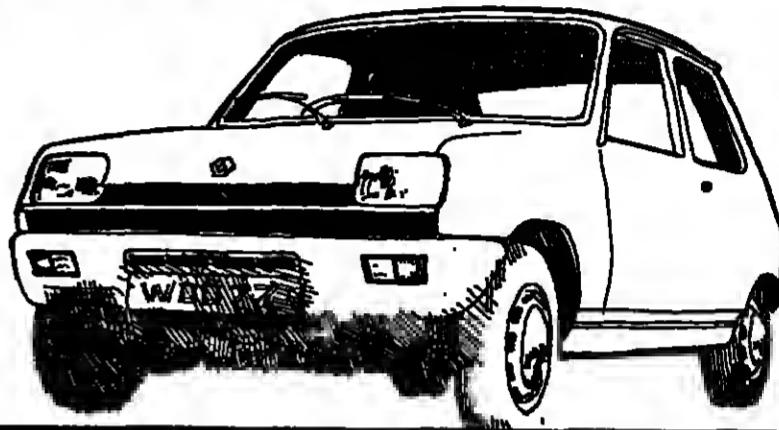
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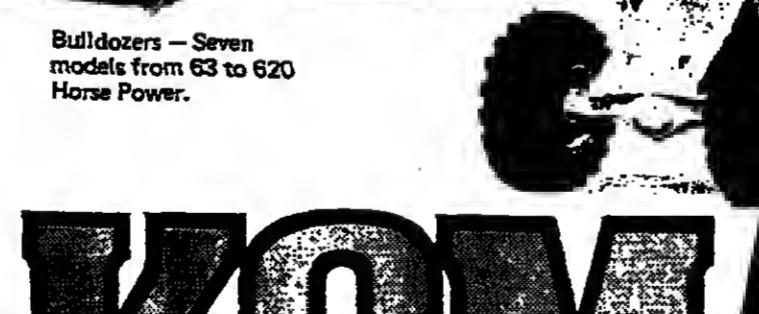


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Asia has scant resources

Facing challenge of economic growth vs. population

By Sachin Preecha

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — The developing world is like a poor but growing family trying to extricate itself from the clutches of poverty. It tries to build something on its scant resources, but an ever-increasing population continues to use up whatever it is able to produce.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, assistant executive director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, shared this perspective with Asian mass media leaders who met here recently. The Asian region in particular, she said, faces the challenge of how to achieve sound economic growth in the face of population-related pressures.

Quoting U.N. figures, Dr. Sadik pointed out that in the next 20 years, the world's population of 4.4 billion is expected to grow by two billion more. And the developing world, which already contains 3.3 billion people, will account for 50 percent of the global population increase.

"These are the areas able to sustain the additional burden," the UNFPA official stressed.

It is a good thing that in recent years, governments have learned to view develop-

ment as closely linked with population factors. The presence of more people, for instance, means a greater demand for food, fuel, shelter and other basic goods. Hasty efforts to meet this demand, she observed, "often result in unsound methods of agriculture and grazing and over-exploitation of natural resources."

Among the first to recognize the ill-effects of rapid population growth on social and economic progress, noted Dr. Sadik, were the Asian countries which led the way in adopting both direct and indirect population policies. Direct population policies, she explained, included family planning programs and incorporating population into development planning; indirect policies included investment in health and education programs, establishment of pension plans and programs to improve the status of women. Countries like Malaysia and Sri Lanka also implemented measures designed to effect population distribution.

Further citing Asian countries as "pioneers" in the population field, the UNFPA official cited the success of China in achieving "one of the most striking fertility declines in demographic history and all within a relatively short period of time."

China's yearly growth rate is now estimated at 1.3 percent (compared to the 2.1 percent of the developing world as a whole).

Similarly, Indonesia was able to reduce its crude birth rate from 45 per 1,000 in the late 1960s to about 33 per 1,000 at present. Other "success stories", said Dr. Sadik, are those of Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

Despite these pluses, however, "much remains to be done," according to Dr. Sadik, in that many already populous countries continue to grow at fairly rapid rates. She cited Bangladesh and Pakistan, which are expected to grow at about 2.8 percent yearly for 1980-85. India and China which have slowed down but whose sheer size will involve large additions; and some islands of the Pacific whose populations will grow by about 3 percent in the next five years.

Reviewing global population trends, Dr. Sadik said that although developed countries grew at the yearly rate of only 0.7 percent, poorer nations multiplied at the rate of about 2.1 percent, bringing world growth rates to 1.7 percent yearly for the period 1975-80.

These differences in demographic indicators can be seen with the poor and better-off sections of Asia itself. Dr. Sadik noted that for the same period, East Asian

countries grew in population at the rate of 1.4 percent while that of South Asian countries was 2.2 percent per annum. Total fertility rates, meaning the average number of children per woman, ranged from highs of about 6.5 in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 6.4 in Nepal and 6.3 in Bangladesh to lows of about 2.3 in China and two in Singapore;

In the Asia and Pacific region where 2.5 billion people reside, Dr. Sadik said that the two most populous countries are China (994.9 million in 1980) and India (684.4 million in 1980), whose populations comprise about half of that of the developing world.

Revealed Dr. Sadik: "Even at present annual growth rates, China will add approximately 12.8 million people to its population each year between 1980 and 1985. India, with a projected growth rate of about 1.9 for 1980-85, will sustain an annual increase of about 13.5 million people for that five-year period. Indeed, demographers are fond of pointing out that if India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh were a country, it would be the fifth largest developing country in the world."

But though "formidable" population and development problems are being met with "equally formidable" commitment by Asian leaders, according to the UNFPA official.

She referred to the Beijing Declaration, drawn up at the Asian Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in 1981, which called on all Asian countries "to review the existing targets and goals in the implementation of population and development programs so as to contribute to the attainment of the one percent population growth rate for the Asian region by the year 2000..."

New high-yield papaya developed

NEW DELHI (PTI) — Indian agricultural scientists have developed a new variety of papaya which out-yields all other popular varieties of the fruit in the country.

The new variety, developed by the scientists of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute's (IARI) regional research station in Pusa in the eastern state of Bihar, has been found to be excellent in quality, sweeter than the other varieties and has a fine flavor.

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1.2 million outcasts

'Burakumin:' A blot on Japan's conscience

By Dilip Mukerjee

been referring to the book in the selection of candidates. The influential newspaper also noted that the Justice Ministry was told by the private detective who authored the list that he had done so "on request from a long list of corporations."

The traumas resulting from such attempts to spot out burakumin are well documented by the media. *Asahi Shimbun* recorded the case of a girl whose suspicious mother wrote to her would-be son-in-law's birthplace asking for his father's census details. The request was turned down and municipal officials tried instead to persuade the mother to consent to the marriage. But to no avail; the young couple broke up. In another instance quoted by the newspaper, a 23-year-old woman found out three weeks after giving birth to her first child that her husband was a burakumin. "As a result, she refused to touch the child and returned to her parent's home." An Osaka University survey found that 20 percent of house-holders interviewed were "absolutely opposed" to such inter-marriage and another 31 percent considered them unwise.

The origins of the prejudice go as far back as the mid-6th century when Buddhism spread to Japan. In line with Buddhist taboos against animal slaughter, those engaged in "unclean" vocations like butchery, tanning or making footwear came to be regarded as outcasts — much like India's untouchables.

Burakumin is a derogatory expression but less insulting compared with others in use to describe them in colloquial speech — among them *eta* (filth) or *Yotsu* meaning four, an oblique reference to four-legged animals. The fight against this continuing humiliation is led by the *Burakumin* Liberation League which is seeking effective implementation of laws against discrimination as well as specific measures of help for a community shackled by history to poverty.

In the early 1970s, Japan adopted a special law to promote assimilation in a 10-year time frame. It has had to be extended by another three years already, and will probably have to be renewed for a further period because of the community's persistent and almost self-perpetuating handicaps.

The way up the ladder for all Japanese lies through good grades at school, particularly the prestigious schools. But the burakumin cannot even get on to the ladder, because their education is handicapped by poverty. Absenteeism at the primary level in burakumin areas is as much as 20 percent — as established by an academic survey — in contrast with the national average of 0.6 percent.

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Dear Mrs. L.: In these debates between patient and doctor, I hope you'll recall I've not always taken the doctor's side. But this time, I have no choice.

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tainly below 90mm Hg, and ideally below 80."

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MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

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India nears final phase of Mirage negotiations

PARIS, April 9 (AP) — Negotiations between India and France for the \$3 billion purchase of 150 Mirage 2,000 fighters have entered their final stage here, informed sources said.

An Indian delegation led by Foreign Secretary-designate M. K. Rasgotra, Defense Secretary P. K. Kaul and M. R. Sivaraman, joint secretary in the Finance Ministry, arrived here three days ago with the aim of signing a letter of intent for the aircraft.

The final negotiations are reported by French and Indian sources to concern the rate of interest to be charged by France on the credits it is to make available to India for the purchase and the conditions of the first payment on the signature of the letter of intent.

The contract will be in three phases, the French sources said. There will first be a delivery of 40 to 45 aircraft which have already been built by the Dassault Co. They will be flown to India by either Indian Air Force or Dassault pilots.

The second stage calls for simultaneous assembly of about 40 further aircraft in France and at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. in Bangalore. Then another 60 aircraft will be built under license at Bangalore.

France was in competition with the Soviet Union for the Indian order, with the Soviets proposing the late-model MiG 27 at almost the price of the French aircraft, but offering less transfer of technology than France, the sources said.

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Reagan assertion said misleading

U.S. concept of 'arming to disarm' denounced

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 9 (Agencies) — Paul Warnke, who conducted negotiations for the SALT 2 treaty, has accused U.S. President Ronald Reagan of misleading the American public by asserting that the Soviet Union has nuclear superiority over the United States.

In an interview published Thursday in the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, Warnke said Reagan's assertion of Soviet superiority was "irresponsible, and, in addition, a false remark that can only endanger talks" on strategic arms limitation.

Reagan said at a press conference in Washington last week that the United States wanted to open such talks with the Soviet Union and offered to meet Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at a United Nations General Assembly on arms this summer.

But he used the same press conference to

counter growing calls in the United States for a nuclear freeze in East and West by asserting the United States must return to counter Soviet military and nuclear superiority.

Warnke denounced this concept of "arming to disarm". The idea contains "the fundamental misconception that the United States is inferior to the Soviets in its ability to conduct a strategic nuclear war," Warnke said.

Warnke said he thought opposition to Reagan's strategy was growing in the United States and that 60 to 70 percent of Americans rejected it. "I think the president is mistaken when he says he was elected with the task of building more nuclear arms and scrapping arms control," he was quoted as saying.

Stopping nuclear armament would bring more security, he argued. "It doesn't matter

how much we go on building, the Soviets can and will follow," Warnke said. "Thus there will be the same stalemate at a higher level and an increased risk."

Plans to continue expanding America's nuclear arsenal are thus "just a recipe for unlimited continuation of the nuclear arms race," he added.

He also argued against deployment of 572 U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe from late next year if by then Soviet-American talks in Geneva have failed to produce agreements removing the threat to Western Europe from Soviet SS-20 missiles.

"We do not need 572 new missiles that are pointed on exactly the same targets as those we already cover with another part of our 10,000 strategic warheads," Warnke said.

BRIEFS

TOKYO (AFP) — The U.S. Navy plans to deploy a battleship, soon to be the only one in operation in the world, in the Pacific, the American military commander in Japan said Thursday. Lt. Gen. Charles Donnelly, commander of the U.S. armed forces in Japan, told private defense seminar here that one of the four Iowa-class battleships of World War II vintage — now in reserve — would join the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

KAMPALA (AFP) — Ugandan authorities have intercepted 90 boats trying to ferry coffee and maize into Kenya, the Kampala vernacular newspaper *Mwamo* reported Friday quoting Vice President Paulo Muwanga. According to *Mwamo*, at least 80 persons had been detained as a result of the swoop on the smugglers.

NEW YORK (R) — James Priceman went out to get a tuna fish sandwich Wednesday

and picked up \$37 million. The 44-year-old assistant cashier on Wall Street was on his lunch break when he found an envelope on the street containing the money in negotiable securities. He returned the money and received a \$250 reward, his employers reported.

BELGRADE (R) — Five Yugoslavs who hijacked an airliner on a domestic flight to Cyprus last September were sentenced to jail terms ranging from eight years to 18 months by a district court here Thursday. The court acquitted the sixth defendant, the only woman in the group, for lack of evidence.

ATHENS (AP) — Two moderate earthquakes rocked the Ionian islands off western Greece Thursday, but no damage or casualties were reported, the Athens Seismological Institute said.

Police fire tear gas on Gandhi opponents

NEW DELHI, April 9 (AP) — Police fired tear gas on demonstrators who attempted to disrupt a speech by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in northern Punjab state Thursday. Thirty-five women including a member of parliament were arrested.

The disruption occurred at Kapuri, about 300 kms north of New Delhi, where Mrs. Gandhi inaugurated work on a controversial canal that will bring water from the Yamuna and Sutlej rivers south through Haryana state and to the dry lands of Maharashtra state.

The trouble began when members of a women's wing of one opposition party attempted to break the police cordon around where Mrs. Gandhi was speaking.

Gen. Prem evasive

Thais prepare for poll

BANGKOK, April 9 (AFP) — Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda Friday remained evasive about his future plans as political parties plunged into preparations for general elections next year. Leading preparations for the big fight scheduled for April 22, 1983, are the country's oldest and most powerful parties.

The Democrat Party, founded by the late Khuang Aihaiwongse in 1946, last Saturday chose a new leader in preparation for the event. The Social Action Party (SAP) is contemplating a new replacement for its leader, former Premier Kukrit Pramoj, who has strongly expressed the wish to step down on health grounds.

Gen. Prem, prime minister since March 1980, is remaining discreet amid appeals to him to enter the race. The career soldier was named premier after his predecessor, Gen. Kriangsak Chomnanan, resigned in the face of fierce criticism of his government's economic policies. Kriangsak, who won a landslide victory in a by-election in November last year, is said to be "aiming high" in the forthcoming battle.

The Democrats, who lost their traditional stronghold in Bangkok to a newcomer in the last general elections three years ago, are making vigorous efforts to make a comeback. Only one Democrat, deputy premier Thanat Khoman, in his first election race, won a city seat. The remaining 32 went to the Thai People's Party of former Interior Minister Samak Sunthornvej.

Thanat last month resigned from the year-long leadership of a party in which he virtually had no base. The Democrats' new leader, former Foreign Minister Bhichai Rattakul, has spoken of setting up a "think tank" and introducing far-reaching structural reforms. He said the party planned to field 200 candidates "to win 100 seats," against the party's

present strength of 47 in the 301-strong House of Representatives.

SAP has yet to announce its election plans as a leadership crisis, following Kukrit's avowed decision to step down, is yet to be resolved.

Former Finance Minister Boonchu Roja Asathien, favored as a successor, does not enjoy total party support. But he has gained sympathy since his resignation from party posts in protest against SAP's decision to join Gen. Prem's third government last December.

U.N. official gets letter of censure

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (AP) — A spokesman here announced Thursday that a letter of censure had been issued to the U.N. official who said on television that he thought the United Nations would have to leave New York if Mayor Edward I. Koch wanted it to.

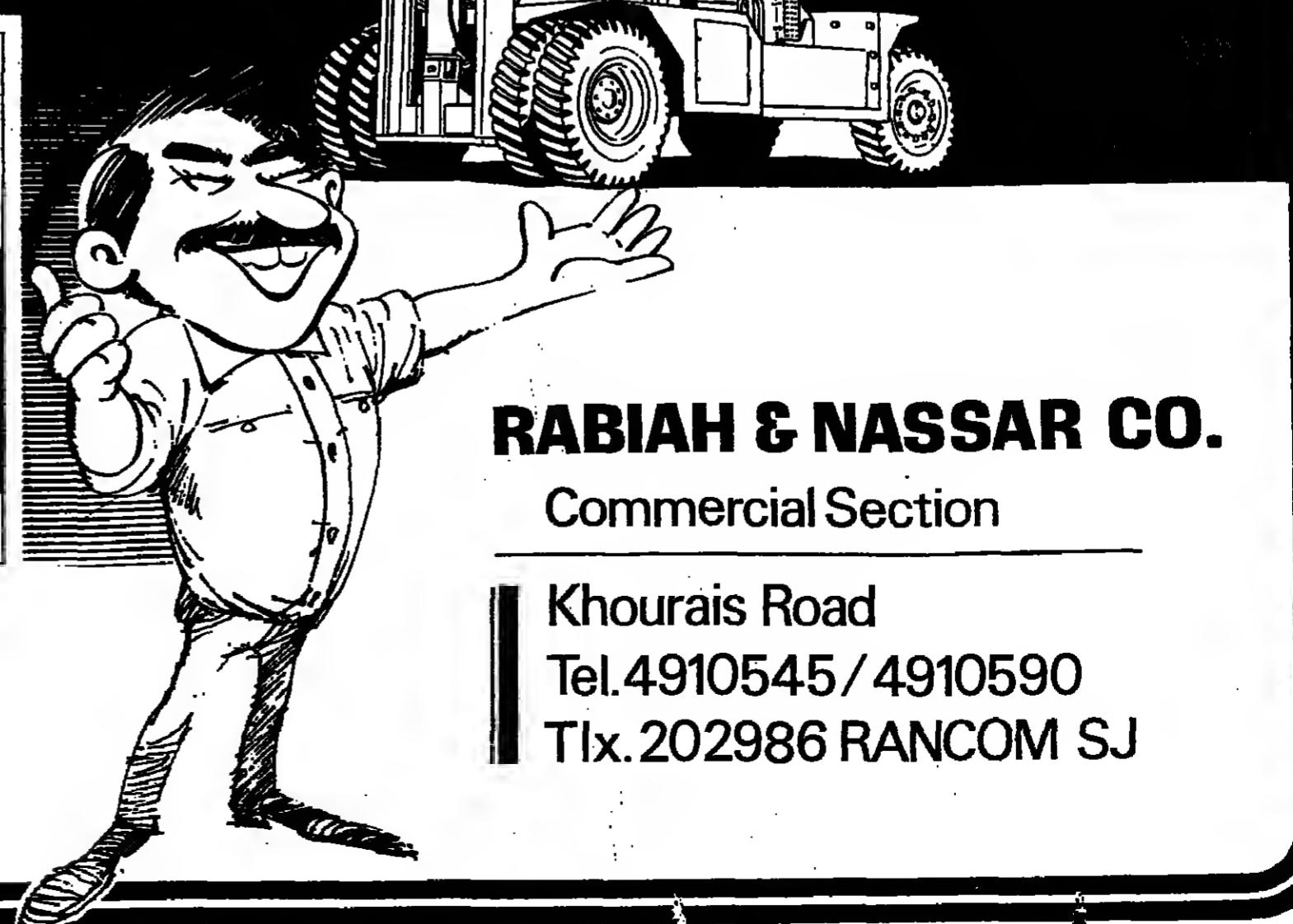
The spokesman, Joe Sills, told reporters the letter was the outcome of an investigation conducted by a secretariat panel set up after the official, Hans Janitschek of Austria, made the remark on Feb. 10.

Koch, upset over a General Assembly resolution against Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, had proposed to put a reference to U.N. "hypocrisy, immorality and cowardice" on the so-called Isaiah Wall opposite this headquarters, which bears the saying that some day nations will "beat their swords into plowshares."

In a TV interview beside the wall, Janitschek said if Koch put those words on it, "we won't take that." He added that Koch had gone too far and "if he wants us out, I think we will have to leave." Koch later said he did not want the United Nations to leave.

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With U.K. tightening screws

Argentina faces fund stoppage

LONDON, April 9 (R) — Britain is tightening the financial screws on Argentina in the Falkland Islands dispute by making it more difficult for Buenos Aires to raise new loans.

Argentina is one of the world's most indebted nations, owing some \$34 billion — even more than Poland — and needs a constant flow of money from abroad to sustain its critically weak economy and meet repayment commitments.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is using other economic tools, including a call on Britain's allies to ban Argentine imports, but even if trade sanctions are imposed they are usually slow to take hold, and in the past often proved ineffective.

Pressure on international credit markets to deny new loans to Argentina, however, will reinforce the natural inclination of bankers not to supply money to countries that face an uncertain future, military and political, analysts say.

And bankers say the Falklands crisis, with its risk of war and possible threat to the military government in Buenos Aires, already

means that Argentina is not getting the funds it needs and probably will not do so until the crisis is resolved.

Britain asked other countries Wednesday to discourage their banks from granting fresh loans to Argentina and to follow its lead in terminating government-provided export credits that help Buenos Aires to finance purchases from abroad. "We are asking our friends to do everything they can to help us," said Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

The Argentine economics minister, Roberto Alemán, was quoted in a recent interview with *Euronews*, a widely-respected publication on international finance, as saying that Argentina might have to renegotiate some of the terms of its debts. The interview was given before the Falklands crisis.

Analysts said the freeze imposed by the

Soviet urges farm reforms

MOSCOW, April 9 (R) — An agricultural expert said Friday that the Soviet Union, which is expected to import a record 42 million tons of grain this year, should drastically reorganize its production methods.

Reforms could turn Moscow into a wheat exporter again, academician Vladimir Tikhonov told the daily *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*.

But he indicated that the problems of Soviet agriculture, which has suffered its third successive bad grain harvest, were deeply rooted and would take years to solve.

The size of the last harvest is secret, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated a yield of 175 million tons. Foreign experts in Moscow said it could be as low as 140 million tons.

Tikhonov said suggestions that the high level of imports meant that the Soviet Union could not grow enough grain for its needs were "a vulgar distortion of the essence of the Soviet Union."

He indicated, however, that too much grain was being used as cattle fodder, adding: "We ought to make a decisive change in the structure of grain production and imports..." Such a move would enable the Soviet

Bank of England on Argentinian assets held in Britain and the counter-declaration by Argentina that it would not let British banks would inevitably lead to major problems over Argentina's debts.

One fear was that if Argentina did not make its scheduled repayments to British banks it could, after a few weeks' grace, be declared in default. This would trigger cross-default clauses in other international loan agreements and lead to a scramble by banks to seize Argentine assets abroad.

Banking sources said the Bank of England was being very firm with foreign bank branches here, despite complaints that forcing them to adhere to British government policies over the Falklands would severely damage London's reputation as a financial center free from pressure over localized disputes.

Union to stop importing wheat and even return to the world market as a wheat exporter, Tikhonov said. This could happen only when the Soviet Union reorganized sowing patterns to grow different crops in areas where soil and weather conditions were suitable. This has been frustrated by lack of facilities to market and transport produce between regions.

Tikhonov said a fifth of the annual crop of grain, fruit and vegetables was lost during harvesting, transport and storage.

"The weakness and undeveloped state of these... reduce to zero a significant part of our efforts in arable and livestock farming," he added.

More losses were caused over centralization of processing plants and unreliable Soviet farm equipment. Many types of farm machinery produced abroad did not exist in the Soviet Union.

He blamed rising purchasing power for much of the Soviet Union's problem with food shortages. Food supplies were expanding by around one percent a year, while purchasing power was expanding nearly seven times as fast.

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U.S. car output drops by 30.6%

DETROIT, April 9 (R) — A U.S. car production in the first quarter fell 30.6 percent from the same 1981 period to 1,087,000 according to the trade paper *Automotive News*.

It said the total was the lowest in first-quarter production since 1952, when 992,403 cars were built. It is the lowest total for any quarter since third-quarter 1961, when production reached 950,655.

General Motors Corp. built 699,748 cars in the first quarter, off 28.4 percent from a year ago. Ford Motor Co. built 211,862, down 34.9 percent; Chrysler Corp., 136,928, down 28.8 percent; Motors Corp., 13,335, a decline of 40.5 percent and Checker Motor Co., 860, up 36.2 percent.

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	Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	9.00	9.11	—	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.00	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	279.00	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.75	141.70	—	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	125.20	—	—
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.75	—	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.50	—	—
French Franc (100)	54.75	54.35	—	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	54.30	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.45	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.50	23.81	—	—
Jordanian Dinar (1,000)	—	12.85	—	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	9.52	9.40	—	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	12.00	11.54	—	—
Malaysian Ringgit (100)	69.50	69.25	—	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	55.25	58.65	—	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.40	—	—
Pound Sterling	6.12	6.04	—	—
Qatari Rial (100)	94.50	94.30	—	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	160.00	—	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.95	—	—
Swiss Franc (100)	173.50	173.20	—	—
Syrian Lira (100)	56.00	63.60	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.439	3.432	—	—
Venezuelan Royal (100)	75.00	75.10	—	—
	Selling Price	Buying Price		
Gold kg.	39.00	37.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	4,600	4,550	—	—
Ounce	1,250	1,220	—	—

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Khalil Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

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U.S. prices decline by 1.7 percent

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP) — Wholesales prices in the United States fell at an annual rate of 1.7 percent in March, the government reported Friday, matching February's decline and marking the first time since 1967 that prices have been off for two months running.

Pacing the March decline, which private economists say is largely the product of the stubborn recession, were falling prices for energy and food. The decline in energy prices was the sharpest in more than six years.

Friday's report also bolstered economists' predictions that in the coming months inflation — at both the wholesale and retail levels — will be under last year's pace, which was 7 percent at wholesale.

In the new report, the Labor Department said its producer price index for finished goods fell a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent in March.

Japan's growth dips below 3%

TOKYO, April 9 (AP) — The Japanese economy grew by less than three percent in real terms in the 1981 fiscal year ending in March compared with the government's target of 5.3 percent, a government economic policymaker said Friday.

Toshio Komoto, director general of the Economic Planning Agency, told a lower house finance committee meeting that growth had "apparently failed to reach even the three percent level."

Final statistics on Japan's economic growth in fiscal 1981 are to be made public later.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki instructed cabinet ministers for economic affairs to compile a package of economic stimulus measures possibly by the end of this month.

Komoto said that drastic efforts will be necessary to achieve the government's estimate of 5.2 percent real growth in the current fiscal year, ending in March next year.

In electronics, energy field

Paris, Jakarta ties blossom

JAKARTA, April 9 (AFP) — Indonesia and France plan to step up cooperation in energy, agriculture, food, space and electronics. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, French minister for research and technology, has said here.

Chevenement, currently on an official visit said working groups were being set up for the purpose. He said that cooperation between the two countries was particularly strong in civil aviation, aeronautics and electrical engineering.

The minister said he believed that Franco-Indonesian cooperation had acquired "new momentum" since the change to a Socialist government in France a year ago.

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The French minister saw scope for cooperation in nuclear power. Indonesia had urgent and substantial requirements in view of the drop in its oil production coupled with a consumption growth rate of some 12 percent per annum, he declared.

BRIEFS

THE HAGUE, April 9 (AFP) — The Netherlands center-left coalition government Friday announced it was trimming 3.4 billion florins (\$1.4 billion) from this year's budget, under a last ditch compromise to avert a government crisis. Prime Minister Andreas Van Agt announced the agreement — which will chip off another 50.8 billion florins (\$3.4 billion) off next year's government expenditure — after a marathon 18-hour cabinet session.

MANAGUA, (R) — Nicaragua and Bulgaria have signed a \$35-million trade and technical assistance agreement, according to an official announcement Thursday. The agreement signed here Wednesday provides Nicaragua with \$27-million line of credit for the purchase of Bulgarian food and medicines and \$3 million in technical assistance.

SEATTLE, (AFP) — The state of Washington has rejected an application for a new oil terminal at Port Angeles near Seattle on grounds that it would harm the environment.

Wall Street

Analysts link recovery to consumer spending

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — Wall Street's tenuous hopes for an economic recovery in the United States in the months ahead rest largely on the shoulders of the American consumer.

If there is any sector of the U.S. economy that gives promise of immediate improvement, several economists in the financial community reason, it is consumer spending.

They note that the housing industry,

which has often been one of the early bright spots in past business upturns, remains hobbled by high interest rates. Just about everyone concedes that the near-term outlook for capital spending by corporations on such things as new plants and equipment remains glum.

Prospects for international trade, meanwhile, are clouded by a strong dollar in foreign exchange, which makes U.S. goods more expensive for foreign buyers.

Spending by the government — except possibly in defense — isn't expected to provide much help either, with all the furor over the federal budget deficit.

But Wall Streeters say that, even with the unemployment rate at 9 percent, consumers as a group give evidence of the ability to

that any industrial venture needs special facilities for training technicians, engineers and skilled workers who can subsequently build up Indonesia industry."

Chevenement noted: "the new Socialist government sees the North-South relationship as the main feature of its policy." Asked about the Ariane Rocket, he thought this was very suitable for a widely scattered country like Indonesia, for positioning satellites used in communications, survey work, television and weather observations. In the next 10 years some 150 launches were planned in the case of this rocket. He said it was "competitive, even in the United States."

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As Bates sinks timely basket

Trail Blazers keep playoff hopes alive

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — Portland coach Jack Ramsay and Billy Ray Bates gave the game-winning slam a different rating on the spectacular dunk score.

"It was an average play... just as average," Bates said after his dunk with two seconds left eliminated a second-half comeback that carried the Trail Blazers to an important 106-104 victory over the Phoenix Suns Thursday night. "I had a better one against the Lakers a few weeks ago when I tore the strings right off the hoop."

"Billy is so strong, he can go past anybody," Ramsay said after Bates muscled past several defenders before reaching the basket. "It was just a matter of his getting position on somebody." Portland needed the victory desperately on the Suns' home court to keep its National Basketball Association playoff hopes alive. The Trail Blazers now are three games behind Phoenix and Golden State, who are tied for the sixth and final Western Conference post-season berth.

All three teams have six games to play in the regular season. In other NBA games Thursday, Boston tripped New York 110-106 and Seattle edged San Diego 117-115 overtime. The Trail Blazers trailed by 15 points early in the third period, but 10 straight points in a span of 1:46 tied the game 102-102 with 1:52 remaining.

Two free throws apiece by Dennis Johnson, who scored 22 points for Phoenix, and Bates made it 104-104 before Portland grabbed a defensive rebound with 17 seconds to go, setting up Bates' game-winner. Jeff Lamp hit all 11 of his points during the fourth-period rally.

Suns coach John MacLeod, who had hoped to clinch a playoff spot by now, said he realized the Suns are in a precarious position. "It's a situation we didn't want to have."

Bags 37th National crown

Caulkins splashes to glory

GAINESVILLE, Florida, April 9 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins became the nation's outstanding swimmer ever Thursday night, surpassing the legendary Johnny Weissmuller by winning her 37th National title.

Caulkins, 19-year-old, from the University of Florida, won the 400-yard individual medley at the United States Swimming Short-Course Winter Championships for her 37th major victory since 1977. Weissmuller, who went from swimming to fame as a movie star, captured 36 titles between 1921 and 1928.

Caulkins, swimming for her hometown Nashville Aquatic Club, won the 400-yard medley in 4 minutes, 11.75 seconds. That was well off her 1981 American record of 4:04.63, but faster than the 4:13.16 of Polly Windle of Ellicott City, Md., and the 4:16.89 of Patty Gavin of West Chester, Pa.

Gavin had posted the best time of 4:14.34.

Meets Clerk in semifinals

Vilas advances with ease

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 9 (AP) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, the No. 2 seed, raced past unseeded Pablo Arraya of Peru Friday 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the semifinals of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

Vilas faces compatriot Jose-Luis Clerc, seeded third, who beat Manuel Orantes of Spain 6-0, 6-3. Saturday's other semifinal pits top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia against France's Yannick Noah, the No. 6 seed who upset Bjorn Borg Thursday. The 29-year-old Vilas took 75 minutes to eliminate Arraya, a 20-year-old ranked 92nd.

"It was the first time I've played him," said Vilas, who is ranked fourth. "I played safely in the beginning. It's always difficult to play someone you've never played before because you don't know their style."

Vilas is trying for a second title at Monte Carlo. He won the tournament in 1976 and made it to the final last year against American Jimmy Connors. Vilas and Connors each had won two sets in that title match before it was canceled because of a thunderstorm. It was never rescheduled.

Meanwhile, in Hilton Head, South Carolina, rain drowned out half the third

MacLeod said. "We still have six games to go. We may not win every game, but we'll have to put together a string." Bob Gross and Jim Paxson led Portland scorers with 17 points apiece, while Suns center Alvan Adams had 24.

Celtics 110, Knicks 106: Boston eliminated New York from playoff contention, winning its 22nd game in the last 24 starts as Cedric Maxwell led a balanced scoring attack with 22 points.

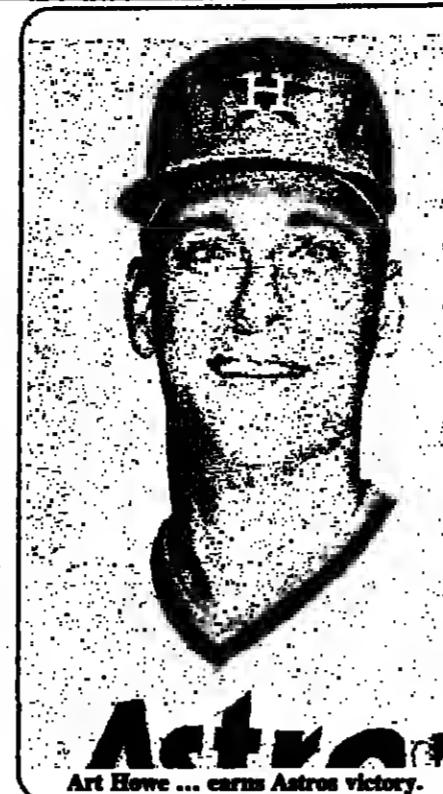
The Celtics, who have a five-game lead over Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division with six games to play, got 19 points each from Larry Bird and Kevin McHale and 17 from Robert Parish, who played only 19 minutes because of foul trouble.

The Knicks, who got 24 points from Michael Ray Richardson, could still tie Atlanta for sixth place in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. But if that happened, the Hawks would get the post-season birth because they beat the Knicks in five of six games this season.

Sonics 117, Clippers 115: Gus Williams scored 41 points including five in the final 29 seconds of overtime, as Seattle handled San Diego its 15th straight loss.

The Clippers, with a 115-112 lead, appeared to be on the verge of snapping the losing streak, but Williams connected on a three-point basket to tie the game with 29 seconds left in the extra period. After San Diego inbounded the ball, Williams stripped it from Clippers guard John Douglas and drove the length of the court for a layup with one second remaining.

The victory was the fourth in a row for Seattle, which trails Los Angeles by two games in the Pacific Division. Tom Chambers led San Diego with 33 points.



Art Howe ... earns Astros victory.

Nicklaus excels as rain delays play

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 9 (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, the only man to win this title five times, charged into a three-stroke lead in the rain-delayed first round of the 46th Masters Tournament Friday with a three-under par 69.

The trim, tan 42-year-old Nicklaus was the only player in the clubhouse with a sub-par round. And with 18 players left on the course when it was finished, it appeared no one would match it. "You've got to be fortunate to get off to the right beat," he said after completing his round.

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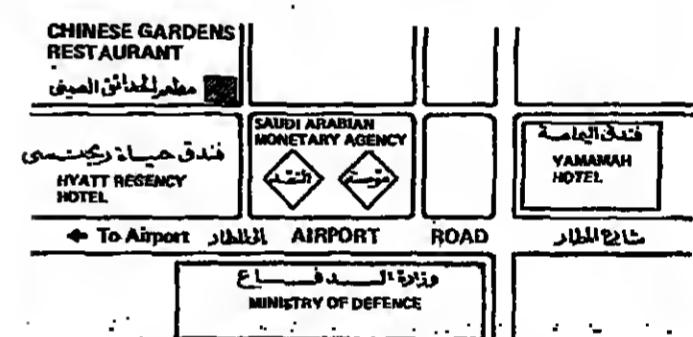
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4,800 still isolated

Mexicans save 200 from volcano slope

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico April 9 (AP) — Army paratroopers, heartened by finding 200 survivors on a slope of the Chinchonal volcano, continued their search Friday for 4,800 more peasants isolated for 11 days by a blanket cloud of ash that poured from the erupting mountain.

Hopes for their survival improved Thursday when the Defense Ministry reported that 14 paratroopers had reached the village of San Francisco Leon and found 200 persons alive. The soldiers jumped from a helicopter, struggled for seven hours over trails clogged by three feet of volcanic ash to reach the village, and led the villagers out on foot.

Army sources said the rescued were suffering from burns, dehydration, breathing problems and malnutrition. There was no word of whether there were any deaths in the village.

Since the 4,340-foot peak in the Sierra Madre range of southeast Mexico began erupting March 29, there have been 21 deaths and more than 500 injured reported, and 60,000 persons have been evacuated.

In clandestine bulletin

Poles urged to resist

WARSAW, April 9 (R) — Poland's most prominent dissident Jacek Kuron has appealed to the Polish people to establish a widespread resistance movement and said the continuation of martial law could lead to a catastrophe.

In a clandestine bulletin of the suspended Solidarity trade union, Kuron was quoted as saying "maintaining the occupation (martial law) is pure suicide." Kuron is one of more than 4,000 dissident and Solidarity activists now being held in internment camps. He was picked up shortly after martial law was declared last Dec. 13. There was no way of establishing the authenticity of the bulletin.

Libya said aiding Ugandan groups

NAIROBI, April 9 (AFP) — Three Ugandan opposition movements now united under the umbrella of Uganda Popular Front are receiving aid from Libya, according to a fourth clandestine organization opposed to President Milton Obote's government.

In a statement sent to Agence France-Presse, the Uganda National Liberation Front — anti-dictatorship (UNLF-AD) — identified the three movements getting help from Tripoli as the National Resistance Movement led by Yoweri Museveni and ex-President Yusuf Lule, the Uganda Freedom Movement of former Obote minister B. Kirya, and the Uganda National Rescue Front led by Moses Ali, former minister under ousted Idi Amin.

The UNLF-AD said representatives of the three movements went to Libya in the middle of last year seeking arms and money. "Libya refused to support them unless they were united," the statement said. The three announced that they were merging into the UPF during a press conference in London in December.

The UNLF-AD said that under a Tripoli agreement Uganda was to be divided into three military zones chosen because of the strength of each movement in a given region. Thus the NRM took the west of the country; the UFM kept the Kampala region and Eastern Uganda, and the UNRF took the north.

The anti-dictatorship group denounced the Tripoli accord as creating "the danger of superpower rivalry in Uganda," adding that "certain powers are stepping up and diversifying their support of the Obote dictatorship as a reaction to the Libyan intervention in Uganda."

The statement said the Kampala regime was continuing to "commit genocide throughout the country." The authorities were fanning the fires of tribal rivalry, particularly in Karamoja and Teso provinces, in the northwest, igniting tribal fights on cattle rustling, it added.

The movement, which is led by Marxist intellectuals and seems to less strongly represent on the ground than the other movements, called for a "roundtable conference with all the democratic organizations ... before it is too late." Obote and his ruling Uganda Peoples' Congress could also take part in such a conference, the UNLF-AD said.

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DUTCH COLLECTION: Police rummaging through a strange collection of some 250,000 preserved birds and insects in the home of Dutch taxidermist 72-year-old John Rockleveld at Brummen Thursday. He started sampling when he was five years old.

Dutchman stuffs 250,000 pets

BRUMEN, Netherlands, April 9 (AFP) — A man whose art consisted of huts and caves crammed with more than a quarter of a million illegally stuffed birds and insects, has been arrested.

Some 40 policemen and firemen Thursday removed the strange collection, built up over decades by 72-year-old John Rockleveld, a taxidermist.

Police said the collection, which included birds' eggs, was a threat to public health, and that 90 percent of its comprised species which are classified as protected by law. Police added they would have to catalogue the collection before deciding whether to press charges, but the local mayor said that a museum might be established for the most interesting items.

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Dr. Peter Patriarcha, an epidemiologist at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, agreed that, in theory, the North Carolina discovery could lead to a vaccine, with few side effects. Such a vaccine if it were developed, would require several years of testing before it could be made available, he said.

Dr. Ping-Chuan Hu cautioned that vaccine development can be tricky. "The human body may react to a pure protein vaccine in ways we don't expect," he said. "But such basic scientific knowledge makes development (of a vaccine) possible."

Pneumonia vaccine substance found

RALEIGH, North Carolina, April 9 (AP)

— Researchers have isolated a substance that could lead to vaccine to prevent a type of pneumonia and a common flu-like illness, it was reported Thursday.

The scientists said they have found a protein crucial to the multiplication of bacteria

causing mycoplasma pneumoniae. If the protein's effects could be blocked, the bacteria would be unable to grow and cause disease, they said.

They said it is possible that a vaccine could be developed to immunize people against the effects of this protein, thus preventing the diseases associated with the bacteria.

The research was conducted over 20 years by three pediatricians at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Ping-Chuan Hu, Wallace Clyde and Allen Collier. It appears in the current issue of *Science* magazine.

Clyde said the protein allows the mycoplasma bacteria to stick to the mucous membranes of the lungs and the nose. Without the protein, he said, the bacteria cannot "set up shop and multiply."

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Abu Ghazala made field marshal

CAIRO, April 9 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak on Friday promoted Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala to field marshal, the government news agency said.

Abu Ghazala became defense minister on March 4, 1981, replacing the former minister who died in a helicopter crash. Until he was chief of staff — a post he held since May 1980, Abu Ghazala graduated from the

Egyptian Military Academy in 1949 as an

artillery officer. He studied military techniques in the Soviet Union between 1957-61.

He was appointed military attaché to the

Egyptian Embassy in Washington after the

June 1967 Mideast War. He returned to

Egypt to lead the second army's artillery division in the 1973 war with Israel and was

named commander in chief of the army's

artillery troops.

Turks seek return of 76 fugitives

ANKARA, April 9 (AP) — Turkey has asked for the extradition of 76 suspects wanted by the Turkish police from various foreign countries, Justice Minister Cevdet Mentes disclosed Friday.

In a statement to the Anatolia news agency, Mentes said the government has sent documents through diplomatic channels to countries where the fugitives are believed to be residing. He did not give a total of the countries or the suspects involved.

Most prominent among them is Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist convicted of trying to murder Pope John Paul II last May. Agca is serving a life term. Turkey is seeking his extradition because a Turkish military court has sentenced him to death in absentia for the murder of a Turkish newspaper editor in 1979.

Turkey also has asked for the return of Omer Ay, suspected to be Agca's accomplice and captured in West Germany last month. But West Germany refuses to extradite suspects sought by the Turkish authorities unless Turkey gives guarantees that they will not be executed once returned home.

Some 14,000 suspects on the wanted list are still at large. Officials maintain some of them escaped abroad, especially to Western European countries.

Well-informed sources said Friday that about 60,000 persons have been arrested in Turkey since the military coup of Sept. 12, 1980. The martial law coordination office in Ankara had said earlier that 46,721 persons were on trial before the military courts which deal with cases of alleged anarchy and terrorism.

The office said nearly 44,000 of them were defendants in what are locally known as "clandestine organization" trials. Over 2,000 are being tried for their union activities, and 660 for their roles in political parties. The underground groups are mostly either Kurdish separatists or leftists. The rightists, on the other hand are almost all defendants in the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party trial.

Most of the Kurdish separatists — 1,230 of them — are being tried in the south eastern city of Diyarbakir. All are accused of attempting to overthrow the existing constitutional order to establish an independent Marxist-Leninist Kurdish state on Turkish territory, and 184 face the death sentence.

Some 4,000 people — out of whom 427 face capital punishment — are charged with belonging to the "Revolutionary Path" (Dev-Yol) group, Turkey's largest leftist underground organization, in 11 separate trials across Turkey.

The trial of "revolutionary left," or Dev-Sol, began in mid-March in Istanbul with banners in the streets proclaiming "death to fascists" — a long-forgotten scene in Turkey's biggest city. When the trial opened, the 428 defendants — 120 of whom face the death sentence — claimed their friends had died under torture and fought guards who tried to prevent them from speaking.

Pacifists march across Germany

BONN, April 9 (AFP) — Several thousand pacifists Friday started separate peace marches across West Germany that will end Monday with several rallies, some of which will include members of the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD).

The marchers are protesting the planned deployment of U.S.-made NATO nuclear missiles in West Germany, which supported by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Large crowds are expected at the Monday rallies in Frankfurt and in Ruhr-Gebeit farther north.

The participation of SPD politicians has fanned the political controversy over the pacifist issue, particularly following accusations that the country's pro-Soviet Communist Party has "infiltrated" this weekend's marches.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khaseen

Further to our contribution to the man-woman dispute, a contribution which a woman reader told me recently was "far from helpful." Well, we have to try harder to please all sides, so after the report of the American forces on the general unsuitability of women for army life and army work, we have to quickly tilt the other way.

But before we do so, a word of warning. Women calling for equality with men received a shock recently when a British court for the first time ordered a woman to pay her divorced husband a settlement of £50,000. The man had claimed that as his wife was breadwinner and as she had accustomed him to a certain style of life; it was up to her to maintain it for him. Equality, to this case, has clearly turned around and bit its champions.

Now to try to balance the previous story: Women might be demonstrably weaker in some respect, but they are by no means frail. They have natural resistance to many diseases, such as heart trouble, diabetes, stomach ulcer. They kill themselves in far fewer numbers than men. They get murdered in fewer numbers. Even such a rare malady as the 'Legionnaires Disease' decided it's men it wants and not women, so that there were three men casualties to one woman.

Also, as women are generally shorter than men, and as their pelvis is broader and shoulders narrower, their center of gravity is much nearer to the ground, so that they are generally more stable on their feet, which must be a considerable advantage if and when push comes to shove.

Translated from *Asharq Al-Awsat*

Probe clears chief of CIA

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AFP) — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief William Casey has been cleared of charges of illegally failing to register as an agent for Indonesia in 1976, while still a practicing lawyer. Justice Minister William French Smith, after a three-month investigation — the second into Casey's background since he took office — ruled Thursday that the CIA director had not violated the so-called "Foreign Agents Act".

This requires that "any person who represents the interests of a foreign government before U.S. agencies, seeking changes in official policies, must publicly register at the Justice Department".

Smith said that although Casey had represented Indonesia, he had never concealed his activity and there was no reason to believe that he had sought to obtain advantageous changes for Indonesia.

Reagan chosen 'least admired'

NEW YORK, April 9 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has been chosen as the least admired, second most boring and third dumbest male public figure in the United States, according to a poll conducted by *US Magazine*.

But paradoxically, Reagan was also picked as the second most popular figure among those listed by the latest issue of the magazine, which specializes in gossip on politicians, actors, sports figures and other well-known personalities. Reagan and his wife, Nancy, matched up well in the poll, as Mrs. Reagan took the positions the least admired female.

Alan Alda, the star of the U.S. television show *M.A.S.H.* and an advocate of women's rights, was named both the most popular and most intelligent male figure. Jane Fonda, the activist actress, won the same titles among women. She was followed in the popularity poll by Katharine Hepburn, who last week won a record fourth best actress Oscar, and by the Princess of Wales.

Among the poll's other findings was that Princess Diana and television talk-show host Johnny Carson were the best-dressed personalities.

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